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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$18 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$468 for a Small Entity

• \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.

• \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$18

■ \$18 for 2 total claims over 20.

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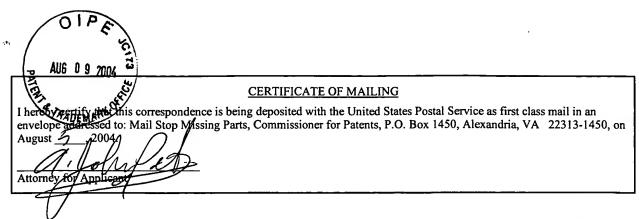
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<u>PATENT</u> <u>Docket No. 3124.2.1.2</u>

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| Applicant: | Vermon S. Esplin |) |
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- (2) Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$468.00) to cover the filing fee for this application, as calculated below, together with the required surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

The filing fee for this application has been calculated, as follows:

| Basic filing fee | | \$ 385.00 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Independent claims in excess of three | -0- x \$43 | .00 |
| Total claims in excess of twenty | 2 x \$9 | 18.00 |
| Surcharge | | 65.00 |
| | TOTAL FEE | \$ 468.00 |

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

DATED this ______day of August, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: August 5, 2004

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